



Update to the General Plan Guidelines: Complete Streets and the Circulation Element

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USEFUL DEFINITIONS

Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ): A land use compatibility plan prepared by the U.S. Department of Defense for military airfields. AICUZ plans serve as recommendations to local government bodies having jurisdiction over land uses surrounding these facilities.

Airport: An area of land or water that is used or intended to be used for the landing and taking off of aircraft, and includes its building and facilities, if any.

Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan: A plan adopted by an Airport Land Use Commission, which sets forth policies for promoting compatibility between airports and the land uses which surround them.

All Users: Users of streets roads and highways including bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation and seniors.³²

Arterial: A major street carrying the traffic of local and collector streets to and from freeways and other major streets, with controlled intersections and generally providing direct access to properties.

Bicycle Boulevard: The Bicycle Boulevard Design Guidebook defines a Bicycle Boulevard as “low-volume and low-speed streets that have been optimized for bicycle travel through treatments such as traffic calming and traffic reductions, signage and pavement markings, and intersection crossing treatments.

Bicycle Lane: According to Caltrans’ Highway Design Manual, Chapter 1000, a bicycle lane is a Class II Bikeway and provides a striped lane for one-way bicycle travel on a street or highway,

Bicycle Path: According to Caltrans’ Highway Design Manual, Chapter 1000, a bicycle path is a Class I Bikeway and provides a completely separated right of way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with cross flow by motorists is minimized.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): The Federal Transit Administration defines BRT as a “combination of facility, systems, and vehicle investments that convert conventional bus services into a fixed-facility transit service, greatly increasing their efficiency and effectiveness to the end user.”

Collector: A street for traffic moving between arterial and local streets, generally providing direct access to properties.

³² California Government Code §65302(b)(2)(B).